

MR DUKE'S WILL

About Sixty Thousand Dollars Given For Religious and Charitable Purposes—The Balance Divided Among the Family.

Durham, N. C., May 12.—Late yesterday afternoon the will of the late Washington Duke was probated and today the full details of the will were given to the public. Messrs. B. N. Duke and J. B. Duke are named as executors of the will and trustees of the estate. It is learned that the true value of the estate will be something more than a million dollars. The value will be shown when the inventory list is filed.

There are quite a large number of beneficiaries under the will. To some thirty odd nephews, nieces, grand nephews, grand nieces and other kinspeople he left \$1,000 each. This is to be distributed as early as the trustees think proper. To educational, benevolent, religious and other like organizations the following bequests were made: North Carolina Methodist conference \$10,000—\$5,000 each to home missions and to provide a fund for taking care of the aged and infirm ministers of the conference.

Western North Carolina Methodist conference \$10,000—\$5,000 each to home missions and to provide a fund for taking care of the aged and infirm ministers of the conference.

North Carolina African conference and the Western North Carolina African conference of the Methodist church \$2,500 each.

Watts hospital, Durham, \$3,000.

Oxford Orphan asylum, \$3,000.

Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, \$3,000.

Kittrell Institute, colored, \$5,000.

AN IDEAL ARRANGEMENT.

Then there is set aside in trust thirteen per cent. of the entire estate, this to be divided at different times until the youngest heir has reached thirty-five years of age. Thirty per cent. of this trust fund goes to B. N. Duke, a like amount to J. B. Duke. Twenty-eight per cent. of the trust fund goes to Brodie L. Duke, and the remaining twelve per cent. goes to the heirs of Mrs. Lyon, the only daughter, who died a number of years ago—these being Mrs. Mary W. Stagg, George L. Lyon and Buchanan Lyon. These funds or a portion of the funds are to be held in trust. For instance: The B. L. Duke twenty-eight per cent. of the trust fund is to be divided so that Mr. Duke will get half the fund during his life. The remaining one-half of this fund will go to his children, the sons to get one-third each at twenty, twenty-five and thirty years of age, and the daughters to get one-third each at twenty-five, thirty and thirty-five years of age. In almost every division of this trust fund there is a different provision. The fund is so held that his sons and grand children will always have something coming to them to provide against reverses of any kind in the future.

The two executors and trustees of the will and estate qualified late yesterday and some facts regarding the will were known last night, but today the full details are given to the public for the first time.—Special to News and Observer.

MEETING AT BENNETTSVILLE

Delegates Appointed to Wait on Atlantic Coast Line Officials at Wilmington

In response to the call large delegations from the various towns interested in the movement for better passenger train service over this division of the Atlantic Coast Line assembled in Bennettsville last Tuesday night. The meeting was held in the court house, and upon roll call it was shown that from nearly every place, big and little, one or more were present—the total being fifty delegates from eleven towns.

The object and importance of the meeting was plainly and forcibly set forth and the proceedings soon assumed definite form by the election of Mr. J. W. Beasley, of Lamar, as chairman, and Messrs. R. L. Freeman, of the Bennettsville Advocate and R. B. Branch, of the Red Springs Citizen, as secretaries.

The question of a double passenger train and Pullman service for this branch of the Coast Line was enthusiastically discussed and approved without bitterness towards the railroad officials, although the facts brought to notice showed that a progressive and enterprising spirit existed throughout the territory represented while the railroad authorities were at a standstill, giving the same service as fifteen of twenty years ago.

The following resolution, offered by Capt. W. F. Williams, was unanimously adopted:

Moved, that each town interested appoint one delegate and an alternate to lay before the Atlantic Coast Line authorities at Wilmington the question of improved railroad facilities between Sumter and Fayetteville, the time to be arranged between the railroad officials and the delegates appointed by correspondence through the secretary of this meeting.

The following delegates and alternates were then named: McColl, J. R. Bevin, B. F. Smoot; Lumber, D. T. McKeithan; Maxton, J. W. Carter, E. F. McRae; Red Springs, W. F. Williams, C. G. Vardell; Johns, J. T. Johns; Lamar, J. W. Beasley, J. W. Stith; Bennettsville, P. A. Hodges, R. L. Freeman; Darlington, C. S. McCullough; Bright Williamson; Lumber Bridge, M. L. Marley; Shannon, J. E. Singleton; St. Charles, Mr. McCoy; Ellettsville, J. V. Carter.

The delegates will lay their grievances before the Wilmington authorities as soon as a date is fixed, and it is to be hoped that the cause they have in hand will be speedily and satisfactorily adjusted.—Red Springs Citizen.

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ON JOHN BLUE'S RAILROAD

They Are Building Up a Town, Growing Cotton and Developing the Country—Raeford a Thriving Village.

(H. Butler in Southern Pines Tourist.)

Down at Aberdeen, a little town three or four miles below Southern Pines, lives John Blue. He is fixed to this region by a long line of ancestry, perhaps dating back with the days when the Scotch settlers came to the Cape Fear Valley in 1749 after the downfall of the hopes of many of them at the defeat of Culloden. John Blue built a little railroad out into the pine woods. He hauled lumber into the town and turned it over to the Seaboard Air Line to go north. The project thrived, and he pushed it to Fayetteville. It opened a virgin country, and I guess it is making John Blue comfortable. But it is doing more than that. About half way down the line a lot of these Tar Heel natives set up a little town. Some more of them planted cotton fields. They cleared up the land in a way that would make you think you had dropped down into a corner of Kansas or Oregon, except that the climate and water here beat Kansas and Oregon to a finish right at the start. Farm after farm has developed, and is developing down on Blue's road, and it is nearly all as new as a pink baby. The man who has a few bales of cotton to sell in the fall for forty dollars a bale has some business to do in town. So Raeford has sprung up to give him a chance. Now if there is anything on earth like Raeford, I have it yet to see. The town has one street running across the railroad. Midway of the street lies the public well, an institution in the south Raeford is fresh and modern. The homes are pretty cottages with plenty of porch room and paint.

Raeford is different from the ordinary new town of the north. Up there the first thing the plan of lots is treated to is the destruction of the trees. In Raeford the man who had a house to build picked his lot, or got it in some way, and he then cut out enough trees to permit the building room to stand. He left the noble pine and oak trees, and the result is out of the ordinary. You ramble about through the primeval forest, passing from a clump of trees with its house and garden to another clump with another house and garden and the boundary line of the town is merely where the last house is encountered. The streets appear to run about where anybody wants them to run, and where the picturesque effects are most striking. Raeford, the way the cow walks over the hills here, is about a dozen miles or so from Southern Pines, and as an attractive spot it would make the Yankee town hustle if Raeford wanted to go into business of catering to the northern visitor. But just now the new town is too busy getting itself built and marketing the cotton raised and looking after the wants of the planter to bother with folks who do nothing but stand around and ask questions and pay board bills and play whist.

JUDGE PEEBLES' RULINGS

Failed to Please Greensboro Law and Order League.

Greensboro, N. C., May 13.—Superior court adjourned late this afternoon after a week's work. The road force has been increased by twenty-seven new, able-bodied hands, and the work house had been ready ten or fifteen boys instead of being whipped by their parents or turned loose at the cost of that county. Judge Peebles has given entire satisfaction except his ruling on the great number of cases brought under the prohibition law, whereby almost every one indicted who stood trial has been acquitted. He planted himself on the constitution of the state and the United States. The Law and Order League, it is said, feel great cause for offense, while others are loud in his praise.—Special to News and Observer.

WHY SUCH NEGLECT?

Strange Omission of Honors to Memory of Confederate Dead.

We are told by some of the old veterans here that there is not a single old veteran of the civil war buried in the city cemetery in Gastonia. This is a strange happening. It is true that the cemetery is a new one. The town is not being old. There was no cemetery at the close of the war and for a number of years afterward. A veteran said yesterday, and it seems that he is right in his statement, that there is less attention paid to the veterans in Gaston county than any county in this section. There are no decoration day exercises or crosses of honor presented. It is to be doubted that the people of Gaston do honor to these valiant sons as they ought.—Gastonia News.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER

The Verdict a Surprise to Those Who Heard the Case.

Avery Clark, colored, who was arrested in the Amity section Monday for the killing of John Tazert, colored, whose dead body was found in Rowan county, near the Iredell line, on the 2nd was tried in Rowan Superior court at Salisbury Wednesday and acquitted.

The prosecution asked for a verdict of murder in the second degree. According to the report of the evidence before the coroner's jury, the evidence that Clark struck Tazert a blow from the effects of which the latter presumably died, was pretty strong, and the acquittal is somewhat of a surprise.—Statesville Landmark.

A CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Contract for Erection at Statesville to be Awarded.

Reuben Campbell Camp of Confederate Veterans met at the court house Wednesday at 11 a. m. Commander J. C. Irvin presiding.

NEW VIRGINIA RAILROAD

Contracts for Line to Parallel Norfolk and Western About to Be Let.

The contract for building the first 100-mile stretch of the Tidewater railroad which is to parallel the Norfolk and Western, is likely to be awarded in the near future. Considerable activity is being displayed in clearing titles to right of way and arranging all details preliminary to the actual commencement of active construction work.

The Tidewater railroad is designed to parallel the Norfolk and Western from the West Virginia coal fields to tide-water. The new road will have its seaboard terminal at Roanoke, and it is this section, construction of which will be easy, that is to be built first. No surveys, apparently, are being made in the mountain section and there is considerable doubt as to whether there is any longer a real purpose to push on to the coal fields. The part now in hand meets with no engineering difficulties and the cost per mile will be very light.

It seems entirely probable that the section of the Norfolk and Western which the portion of the Tidewater now in hand is to parallel will need to be doubletracked by the time the latter is built as the growth of business will undoubtedly, sooner or later, demand such a change. Under the circumstances Norfolk and Western people regard the building of the new line with equanimity.—Wall Street Journal.

Terrific Race With Death.

"Death was fast approaching," writes Ralph F. Fernandez, of Tampa, Fla., describing his fearful race with death, "as a result of liver trouble and heart disease, which had robbed me of sleep and all interest in life. I had tried many different doctors and several medicines, but got no benefit until I began to use Electric Bitters. So wonderful was their effect that in three days I felt like a new man, and today I am cured of all my troubles." Guaranteed at R. R. Bellamy's drug store; price 50c.

We direct the attention of the gentlemen of the metropolitan papers who are discussing the power of the press, some of them contending that it is waning, to the fact that the editor of The Journal, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., has just exercised enough influence to have himself appointed mail carrier on a rural free delivery route.—Charlotte Observer.

Saved by Dynamite.

Sometimes, a flaming city is saved by dynamiting a space that the fire can't cross. Sometimes, a cough hangs on so long, you feel as if nothing but dynamite would cure it. Z. T. Gray, of Calhoun, Ga., writes: "My wife had a very aggravated cough, which kept her awake nights. Two physicians could not help her; so she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds, which eased her cough, gave her sleep and finally cured her." Strictly scientific cure for bronchitis and La Grippe. At R. R. Bellamy's drug store, price 50c, \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

A convict serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for burglary was shot near Neuse river Friday while trying to make his escape. He died in a short time from his wounds. He was convicted at sixteen years of age and had served only four years, but he served a life sentence, and completed it.—Raleigh Post.

A Creeping Death

Blood poison creeps up towards the heart, causing leath. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Minn., writes that a friend dreadfully injured his hand, which swelled up like blood poisoning. Bucklen's Arnica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound, and saved his life. Best in the world for burns and sores. 25c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

The new officials of ex-President Three-Million-Dollar-Embezzler Bigelow's bank, in Milwaukee, are taking the precaution of having photographs and measurements made of all of its employees. The New Orleans States aptly observes that "the danger line in banks would appear by recent experiences to be higher up," and asks the pertinent question, "Why not photograph and measure the directors?"—Charlotte Chronicle.

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The Washington Post suggests that if Mr. Roosevelt writes an article on "What I Did to the Bears," it should have a companion piece by John W. Gates on "What the Bears Did to Me."—Charlotte News.

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Senator Tom Platt may be sorry he didn't write "burn this letter" at the bottom of his epistle to Miss Mae Wood; but then it would have been still worse had she failed to do so.—Raleigh Post.

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NEW PASTOR INSTALLED

Impressive Service in the Fayetteville Presbyterian Church—Delegates to the Diocesan Convention—Closing Exercises of the Donaldson-Davidson Academy—Other News Notes.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., May 15.—During a rain and thunder storm, lightning struck the east end of the large brick building of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company, setting fire to fifteen bales of cotton. The heroic work of Night Watchman Patterson and others prevented serious loss. Two streams played on the flames for a long time. The loss is fully insured.

Saturday Mr. Warren Wiggins, while at work in the drying rooms of Hope Mills No. 1, had the misfortune to get his arm badly crushed in the machinery.

The following have been chosen as delegates from the parish of St. John's Episcopal church, of this city, at the council of the diocese, which meets in St. James' church, Wilmington, on the 30th inst.: W. W. Tillinghast, E. J. Hale, W. H. Pope, B. R. Huske; alternates, J. J. Crosswell, Leighton Huske, S. G. Ayer, H. T. Drake.

Saturday evening closing exercises of the Donaldson-Davidson Academy, on Haymount, Prof. C. R. Wakeland, superintendent, were attended by a large gathering of the friends and patrons of the Academy. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. V. G. Smith; and, after a pleasant song and chorus by the students, came the oratorical contest, as follows: "The Blue and the Gray," Downing; "Bunker Hill," Blue; "The South and Her Problem," Cromartie; "Our Reunited Country," Bennett; "Emmett's Vindication," Breece. The judges were Rev. J. J. Hall, W. D. Fairley, D. H. Tuttle, and they awarded first place to Bennett and second to Breece, though the contest was very close. The prize, a handsome medal, presented by Col. C. W. Broadfoot in memory of the late Rev. Daniel Johnson, was presented by Rev. Isaac W. Hughes in a very beautiful and graceful address. The play, "Scenes from College Life," was well given, and the programme was enhanced in interest throughout the evening by renderings from the male quartette: Prof. Wakeland, Messrs. Breece, Fred B. Downing.

It is gratifying to know that the past session of the Donaldson-Davidson Academy has been very successful, the accommodations of the institution almost taken up, and many applications are already on file for the coming year. It is in contemplation to erect new buildings in the near future.

Very impressive services were held Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, on the occasion of the installation of the new pastor, Rev. W. M. Fairley. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, a former pastor of the church and the charge to the congregation was made by Rev. Dr. John M. Rose, of Laurinburg. A programme of beautiful music had been arranged for her excellent choir by the accomplished organist, Mrs. W. G. Hall.

The following are the officers of the year for Camp 862 of Veterans, besides the commander, already given: Lieu tenant commanders, J. H. Currie, G. M. Rose, W. L. Williams, J. R. Buie; adjutant, A. A. McKenzie; surgeon and assistant surgeon, Drs. T. D. Haigh and H. A. McKeithan; chaplain, Rev. David Fairley; color bearer, J. W. Atkinson. The following were appointed as delegates to the reunion at Louisville: J. H. Currie, C. B. McMillan, C. W. Broadfoot, W. G. Hall, W. E. Kyle, A. A. McKeithan, E. W. Nolley, Miss Kate D. McKeithan was elected sponsor of the camp. Rev. David Fairley was invited to deliver a sermon before the camp at some time in the near future.

News was received here of the death, at his home near Jonesboro, of Mr. A. A. Harrington, aged nearly 86 years, one of the most prominent and esteemed citizens of Moore county. He was the father of Mr. A. A. Harrington, Jr., proprietor of the Atlantic Hotel, on upper Hay street, and of Mrs. W. W. Cole, of this city.

Capt. J. H. Currie delivered an eloquent address at the closing exercises of Marvin High school, filling the appointment of Governor Glenn.

The case of Rufus Byrd, who sued the Southern Express Company for \$2,000 damages, alleging failure to deliver a package of medicine for a child, was non-suited in Superior court yesterday.

Mr. F. R. Rose, treasurer of the Liberty Point Monument Association, has had a handsome tablet placed in the east wall of the building at Liberty Point, bearing this inscription: "Near this spot, ever since known as 'Liberty Point,' was promulgated, in June, 1775, by the patriots of the Cape Fear, a declaration of independence of the British crown."

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"Yes," said the old man, "my daughter is still studying French." "But she can't speak the language at all, can she?" remarked the friend. "She couldn't at first, but now she can speak it just enough to make herself unintelligible."—Philadelphia Press.

The First Qualification. "Senator," said the constituent, "according to The Louisville Courier Journal, 'I want a job.'" "All right, my boy," replied Senator Smart. "Bring along your 'L. A. Roosevelt,' and I'll take you up to the White House tomorrow and see what can be done for you." "But I have never written a life of Roosevelt."

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